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In re application of:

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For: ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC
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UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 9-18001 published in Japan on July 11, 1997;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 10-33538 published in Japan on February 10, 1998; and
- C. Japanese Patent No. 3045642 published in Japan on March 17, 2000.

Prior art A-C are in Japanese, and the English translation of each one of these prior art is not available at this time to the undersigned. However, an English language abstract is attached to each one of these non-English prior art. In addition, the concise explanation of relevance of prior art C is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of each one of the prior art A-C is omitted herein.

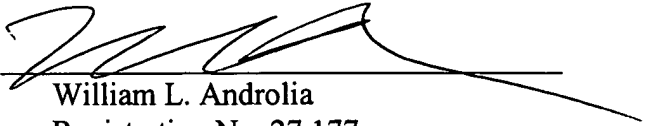
It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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